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Viewpoint



by Chaplain (Col.) John J. Cunniffe



Two thousand one hundred years ago, Judah Maccabee triumphantly entered the sanctuary in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of God. His first task was to rekindle the magnificent golden lamp which was always kept burning in the temple. Only one small flask of oil bearing the seal of the High Priest could be found. That one flask of olive oil, sufficient for one day, miraculously burned for eight days and nights. Today, the lights of Hanukkah burn for eight nights in praise of God and in thanks for religious and cultural freedom as well as the right to worship according to one's conscience.

Nearly two thousand years ago, a prophecy came to pass: "For a child is born to us, a son given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests." God came to earth that starlit night and the world was changed!

Being separated from those we love and away from those at home is difficult at best. At Hanukkah and Christmas, the difficult situation becomes a time of introspection and, possibly, despair. This is the season when memories of our childhood, our relationships, happy events, giving and receiving, are relived. Not having the warm personal friends nearby, not being in a position to give and receive, being limited by place and circumstance can be traumatic.

The Maccabees enshrined God once again in the temple and Christmas is about God's love in Jesus Christ. God loves us and gave us the greatest gift, his only son, which is the supreme act of love.

The love of God is the motivating force in helping each of us be fearless witnesses and instruments of the almighty. Separation does not close the door. We can each change — a chance to start over again. What better time than now, what better place than where I am to take a closer look at myself. This is a time of peace — a time of healing and reconciliation — a time when we too can be reborn.



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INSCOM got a new chief of staff for its birthday this year. He's Col. James Shufelt, whose most recent assignment was as commander of TUSLOG Detachment Four.

Col. Shufelt, who assumed his new duties in October, brings a variety of experience to his new position. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in international relations. His military education includes the Command and General Staff

College, the Naval War College and a federal executive fellowship at Brookings Institution. Originally commissioned as an artillery officer, Col. Shufelt held numerous command and staff positions before his first assignment with INSCOM in 1977 as chief of Plans, Programs and Analysis.

The JOURNAL asked our new chief of staff how he feels about his job and some of the challenges he'll be facing in the years ahead:

The new chief speaks out

Much of your military career was as an artillery officer. How did you get into the intelligence field and why did you choose it?

Military intelligence has been my alternate specialty for many years. In between artillery command and staff assignments, I have served as a battalion S-2, the assistant G-2 for operations at IFFV, and an intelligence management analyst for the ASD (I).

Supervisor and coordinator

In your own words, describe your job to a complete layman.

The chief of staff is the supervisor and coordinator of the Headquarters staff. It's my responsibility to assure the execution of staff tasks; that the staff is responsive to tasking from higher authorities, to the needs of the CG and DCGs, and, most importantly, to

assure that the staff properly supports the INSCOM subordinate commanders.

What is the one thing you would most like to accomplish as chief of staff?

INSCOM is a young MACOM and the past three years have been devoted to its creation and initial organization. In keeping with Maj. Gen. Rolya's objectives, I want to work to upgrade the status of INSCOM as a major player among the Army's MACOMS and as a key player in the national intelligence community.

How can we do that?

By continuing to exhibit expertise and professionalism, and by being responsive to the requirements of the consumer and supported decision makers. We must be innovative in our approach and sell our capabilities to decision makers, some of whom still believe that we operate behind a green door to deny them information. More and more, we are being recognized as the experts in Army intelligence matters.

Security considerations tend to be added on after the fact in planning and R&D operations. How can we get more involvement by security analysts in the initial stages of the Army's work?

Gen. Vessey has put out guidance which emphasizes to the senior leadership of the Army the importance of intelligence. This means that the Army's major commands will now be committing more resources to security. More importantly, they are thinking security in its broadest implications. Our people do their homework. When they analyze an organization from an OPSEC perspective, the subsequent conclusions and recommendations have been impressive.

How can we strike a balance between too much security and not enough?

The question really doesn't have anything to do with balance. Concern for OPSEC is inherent in the planning conducted to accomplish a mission. We frequently express concern that security observances may inhibit our operations or activities. In reality, failure to accept, understand and implement OPSEC could com-



Col. James Shufelt (U.S. Army photo by Sp5 Greg Mathieson)

promise or stop operations and seriously jeopardize accomplishment of the mission.

Unique requirements

Recently, there has been some criticism of the initial MOS training our operators receive. How can we insure that they are ready for the duty requirements of a field station?

The requirements of each field station are different. Each station has a unique mission and configuration. It's impossible to cover every contingency in school training. The schools provide a base level of training, which must be fleshed out on the job. The field station must bring a new person up to speed as quickly as possible. I believe our troops are intelligent and motivated. It's up to the NCOs to make a commitment

of the time and effort needed to train them in the unique aspects of their position. Proper feedback to the TRADOC schools is necessary to insure that the basics are covered.

Future challenges

What do you believe is the greatest challenge facing the intelligence community in the years ahead?

Working around resource constraints to provide intelligence not only about those areas and activities associated with the past U.S.-Soviet confrontation, but in those regions of indirect confrontation where accurate intelligence would be crucial to decisions concerning the nature and size of contingency force actions and commitment.

Quality of life is one of the Army's chief concerns. What can we do to improve it within INSCOM?


Primarily, we can insure that our commanders have the resources to devote to improving quality of life programs. Overall, I think INSCOM's quality of life is significantly higher than many TO&E units. We have a fair degree of stability, and our off-duty offerings are competitive with, if not better than, those of most other units. However, the key to soldier satisfaction is not just a good physical environment, it's job satisfaction.

This command recently held a conference for its reenlistment officers and NCOs. How do you think we can improve recruiting and retention?

Because of the nature of our mission, this command gets very high quality soldiers, and, because of their skills, it's sometimes difficult for us to compete eventually with the civilian opportunities that are available to some of them. If we are going to keep these people, we have to give them the time and opportunity to pursue a college education and we have to make sure their assignments provide job satisfaction. As they acquire rank, they must be challenged by increased responsibility. Since many of our first termers are married, we must be sensitive to the quality of life incentives, including job or career counseling, that may be desired by the wife. Today's married Army couple is a team, and the wife is no longer content to simply follow her husband from post to post.

'Must be ready'

What final statement would you like to make to the people of this command?

My feeling is that the senior commanders of the Army have never been more aware of the importance of intelligence and security. More than that, they realize that the intelligence community is willing to provide the support they need. The creation of INSCOM is now a fact. Most of the dust of organization has settled. We are moving into the next two decades, which may present to our nation unparalleled challenges to our role as the foremost power in the free world. The requirement for our product will be equally unparalleled. We must be ready. 

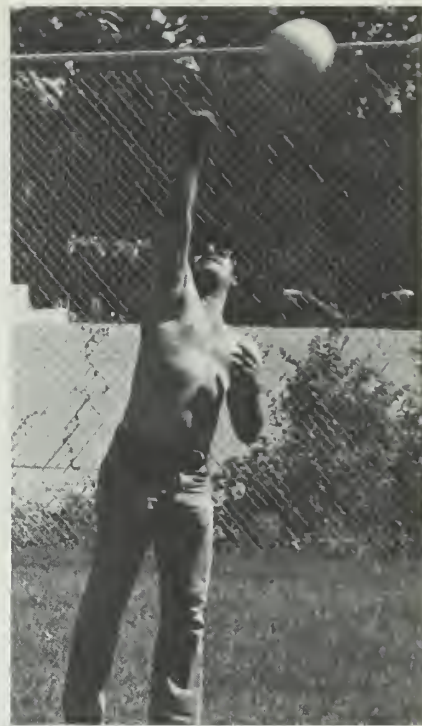


Tracy L. Johnson mans the dunking booth (U.S. Army photo)

Gang's" men went head-to-head against the women in a softball game. The women put up a tough fight, but came up on the losing side. The score was 11-7. T-shirts were presented as awards to both teams by Lt. Col. Joseph C. Liberti, USAG commander.

Throughout the afternoon, the dunking booth was in action as well as the jail house. Those who couldn't dunk their best friend, boss, boy friend or girl friend could put them in jail for a few minutes for a small fee.

By 6 p.m. the music had stopped and the final hand had been shaken. All the people of INSCOM look forward to next year and another birthday.



A good game of volleyball made the day (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Kim Ferrier)

Happy birthday, INSCOM!

by Mary R. Ker

The third annual INSCOM Day was held September 26 at the Arlington Hall Station ball field in celebration of INSCOM's anniversary.

The day started with INSCOM commander, Maj. Gen. William I. Rolya, cutting the birthday cake. There was a little added twist, the cake was in the jail house.

Food and drink were as plentiful as handshakes and laughter as INSCOMers were reunited. Barbequed ribs, chicken, hot dogs and hamburgers made INSCOM's birthday party a picnic for the taste buds.

After lunch and a few more handshakes, the "Over-the-Hill



The best part of the whole affair, though, was the refreshments. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Kim Ferrier)

Hispanics honored at AHS

by Mary R. Ker

President Carter, in his proclamation establishing National Hispanic Heritage Week, said that "Hispanic people have played a distinguished role in the history of our nation. They founded settlements in Florida and Georgia half a century before the pilgrims landed in Massachusetts, and were homesteading in New Mexico more than 150 years before the War of Independence.

"The Hispanic community has given us generals, admirals, philosophers, statesmen, musicians, athletes, and Nobel prize-winning scientists," explained the president. "Hispanic Americans have contributed gallantly to the defense of our nation, and many have received the highest decoration our country can bestow—the Medal of Honor."

INSCOM honored these Hispanic Americans during the week of Sept. 14–20.

Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Flynn, deputy commanding general for intelligence, made opening remarks to begin the command's observance of the 10th anniversary of Hispanic Heritage Week.

"In November 1967, Sgt. Diego Ramirez was killed while serving as a communications supervisor in Vietnam. Sgt. Ramirez was assigned to the 335th Radio Research Battalion, 509th RRG," said Brig. Gen. Flynn.

Brig. Gen. Flynn added that "we should stop and recognize the contributions made by all Hispanics to INSCOM and our country."

A keynote address was given by Alfredo Matthew, Jr., Director of the Office of Government Employment for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He stressed the political importance and brotherhood of all Hispanics.

Hispanic Heritage Week activities at HQ INSCOM included a workshop for managers and supervisors called "How the Hispanic



Los Quetzales Dancers provided the entertainment during Fiesta Night at Arlington Hall Station. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Gail Lucas)

Employment Program Can Help You." The workshop facilitator was Juan Ramirez, director of the Hispanic Employment Program for the Office of Personnel Management. A panel discussion was also held on problems Hispanics face in the military and civilian workforce. Panel members were Ms. Anita Gomez-Troughton, Federal Women's Program manager for DARCOM; SSgt. George Santiago, CPAR INSCOM, Fort Mead, Md.; SSgt. Selection Canagement Jr., of the Resource Management Branch and Sp4 Carmen Jones of the Intelligence and Threat Analysis Center.

Hispanic Heritage Week events were capped by a Fiesta Night at

the AHS Officers Club. Dinner included chicken and rice (Puerto Rican style), pinto beans, burritos, tacos and sangria. A floor show followed dinner. El Mariachi Americas supplied the music while Los Quetzales Dancers put on a great show of Hispanic dance.

"This is what our Hispanic Heritage Week at AHS and HQ INSCOM is about. By supporting the Hispanic Employment Program and increasing the number of Hispanics in the federal government and at INSCOM, we can insure a more equitable delivery of services to all our people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin or economic status," concluded Brig. Gen. Flynn.

Organization Day celebrated

by Sp4 Shirley A. White

Members of the Counterintelligence and Signal Security Support Battalion and the Military Intelligence Detachment at Fort Sam Houston and the Fort Hood Resident Office recently celebrated their third Annual Organization Day.

The day's festivities were held at Canyon Lake, 40 miles north of San Antonio. There was plenty of food and drink, a football game on the beach, and a lake for the youngsters.

This was a family affair, so several members and families reserved campers at Canyon Lake and continued the celebration for four more days.

Chess team wins tourney

The Army Chess Team recently defeated its Air Force and Sea Service rivals to garner the interservice chess championship.

Leading chessman for the Army was Sp4 Michael Fletcher of Field Station Augsburg, who retained his 1979 title as Individual Interservice Champion.

During the eight-day tourney, the Army totaled 38 points; the Air Force 37½.

The Army made it a two-way individual finish with Sp4 Frederick Krerson of Fort Meade, Md., earning the runner-up title.

Other members of the winning team were: Sp4 Michael Emerson from Fort Detrick, Md.; Sgt. Antonio Ocasio from Fort Lee, Va.; Sgt. Ronald Phillips from Washington, and Pvt. 1 Mark Blackstad from U.S. Army, Europe.

The Army chess team will tour the northeastern states to support Army recruiting efforts in that area, according to officials.



Col. Dudley J. Gordon (right) passes the colors to CSM Charles Ferrell during the change of command ceremony at the 66th Military Intelligence Group. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Jess Lukens)

Gordon takes command

by P.J. O'Connor

On July 15, the 66th Military Intelligence Group, Intelligence and Security, Provisional, said goodbye to its commander, Col. Charles F. Scanlon, who had commanded the group for almost two years.

The change of command ceremony took place in the Munich-American High School auditorium, where the new commander, Col. Dudley J. Gordon, was welcomed. Before assuming command of the 66th, Gordon was chief of the Collection Division of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Headquarters, United States Army, Europe.

Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Flynn, INSCOM's deputy commanding general for Intelligence, participated in the passing of the colors. More than 300 American and German military and civilian guests attended the ceremony and more than 100

members of the group participated. During the ceremony, Lt. Gen. Pat W. Crizer, deputy commander in chief, United States Army Europe, spoke about the 66th M.I. Group, its former commander and its new commander. Scanlon received a Legion of Merit, third oak leaf cluster, for his outstanding performance as the group commander during the past two years. He was reassigned to HQ INSCOM, where he is deputy chief of staff, operations.

The 1st Armored Division's "Old Ironsides" band, lead by Chief Warrant Officer James M. McNeal, provided the music for the ceremony. (The band is from Ansbach, Germany.)

Afterwards, a reception was held in the school cafeteria. Refreshments were served while three members of the band played popular music.

Family fun for the engineers

by Mary R. Ker

It looked like a family reunion. Children were playing in the sand, fathers were pitching horseshoes and playing cards and checkers, wives were watching the children and even grandfathers and grandmothers were participating.

Hamburgers and hotdogs, an array of salads, chips and drinks were served as the Facility Engineers held their annual picnic on the Arlington Hall Station ballfield.

Facility Engineers "One" was pitted against Facility Engineers "Two" in a softball game. In the end, FE "Two" came out on top beating FE "One" 13-7. Team captains were Chuck Brummit for FE "One" and Jack Lynch for FE "Two."

Music was provided by "Jigalo's Boogie Mobile." Ron Belows was disc jockey and driver of the "Boogie Mobile."

Several "old timers" attended the engineers' annual picnic. James R. Farrell, deputy director for the Facility Engineers, introduced them as the crowd applauded.



(Left to right) Cheryl Wood and Kim Ferrier wait for Gable Johnson to finish cooking their hamburgers. (U.S. Army photo by Sp5 Greg Matheison)

The cry of Delores is heard in 766th land

by 1st Lt. James Gildea

"The Cry of Dolores" was heard from the 766th Military Intelligence Detachment's day room as the unit celebrated Mexican Independence Day September 12.

Armanda Parada was the official Mexican chef for the day and provided such traditional Mexican delicacies as tacos, tamale pie, muchaka with tortillas and chili. To make the day complete, a tequila stand was set up with lime and salt

for those who were brave enough to try this traditional drink of Mexico.

1st Lt. James Gildea and Parada organized the activity while Sp4 Guadalupe Rodriguez provided entertainment in the form of Mexican music played on his stereo system. The music included selections of Rancheras, Polkas y Cumbias, and Texas and California-style songs.

Several displays portraying Mexican culture and traditions were also part of the day's festivities. The Mexican Day celebration was the

766th MID's special way of kicking off Hispanic Week, which was held in the Berlin Command from September 15-22.

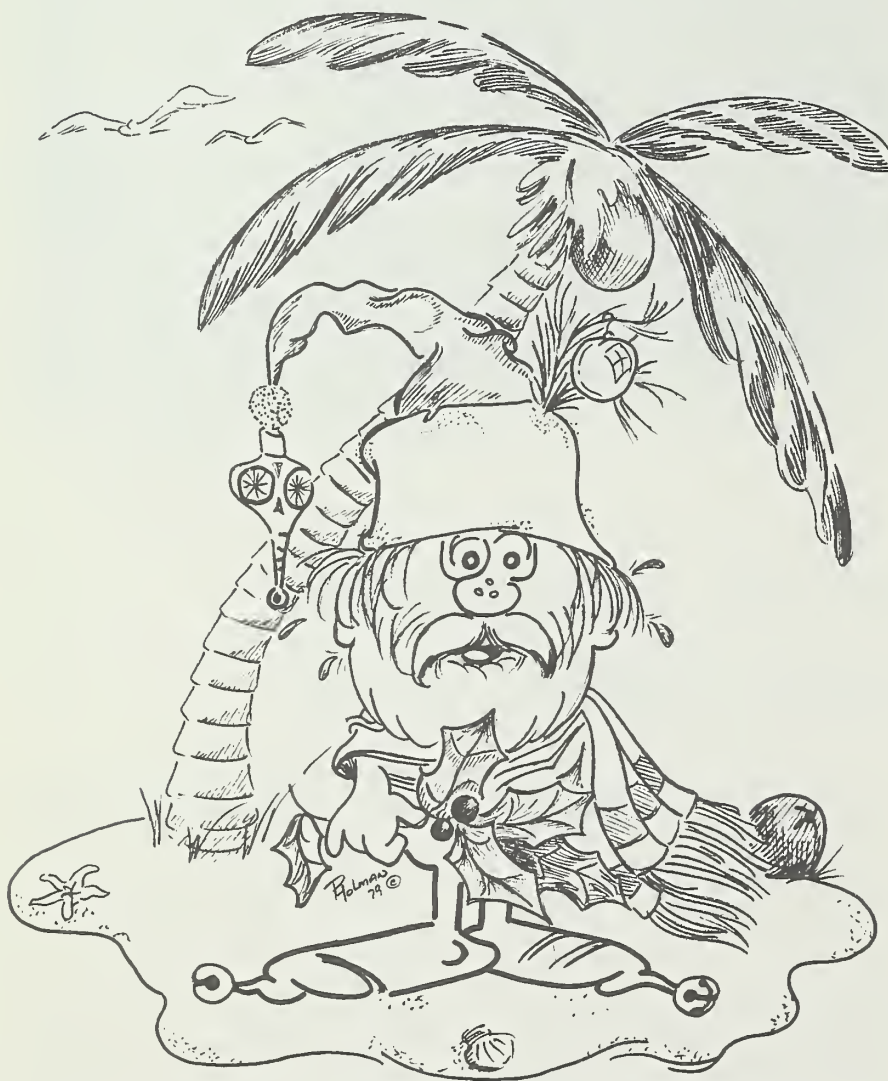
Mexico actually gained its independence September 27, 1821, when Augustine de Iturbide, a mestizo officer, led an army of freedom fighters into Mexico City. September 16, however, is officially celebrated as Independence Day in Mexico and Father Miguel Hidalgo is honored as the father of independence.

New station opens in Oahu

INSCOM's newest facility, Field Station Kunia, in Oahu, Hawaii, was activated October 1.

The new field station is located in an underground bunker that served as an aircraft assembly plant during World War II. A field of pineapples camouflaged the site, and the traditional Hawaiian delicacy is still grown there today.

Field station Kunia, under the command of Col. James W. Hunt, will become fully operational in three phases. The quick reaction capability (QRC) phase is scheduled to be completed this month, while the next two phases are set for early 1982 and during fiscal years 1984 and 1985. By that time, the new tri-service facility will have a total military population of more than 1500 personnel.



First. . .
no snow!
Now. . .
no chimneys!

Sp5 Paul Holman offers his version of christmas in Panama. He is assigned to the 472th Military Intelligence Group in Panama.

Tacos and sukiyaki?



Strolling mariachi players were part of the Hispanic-American Heritage Week activities at Torii Station. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Bobby Mathis)

Roaming mariachis played as the Torii station community feasted on Hispanic-American dishes and danced the night away in observance of Hispanic-American Heritage Week.

"Hispanics in America's Defense" was the DoD theme for the observance this year. The occasion highlights the many contributions made by Hispanic-Americans in the defense of America. The activities scheduled focused on American traditions and customs which have their roots in the cultural heritage of Hispanic peoples.

Events on Torii Station were held in conjunction with other activities on the island.

At the Torii Club, patrons were treated to tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans and other Hispanic-American foods.

Following dinner, the party people danced to Hispanic-American tunes provided by the Hispanic-American DJ "Maguya."

In attendance at the Torii event was Lydia Rivera, this year's Hispanic-American Heritage Week Queen for Okinawa.

A Hispanic-American mass was held earlier in the evening by Chaplain Jose C. Bengco at the Torii Chapel.

766th holds picnic

On July 11, the 766th Military Intelligence Detachment held their annual Organization Day picnic at the Templehof Central Airport picnic area in West Berlin.

More than 60 members, dependents and guests attended. John Hall, of the 766th MID, who organized the event, provided 60 pounds of spare ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, and plenty of beer and soft drinks. Each member was also encouraged to bring one dish, yielding what seemed to be an endless selection of delicious foods, including homemade cakes and pies,

potato and macaroni salads, baked beans and fruit and vegetable salad platters.

Children enjoyed playing on the park's swings, slides and monkey bars, while adults played soccer, tossed a frisbee or just talked.

The main sporting event of the day was a softball game. An exciting seven innings were played with the final score 10-7.

The 766th MID Organization Day was a delightful outdoor event. Everyone who attended looks forward to next year's picnic.

'You become ITAC'



John P. Scherger speaks during ITAC's Military Intelligence Detachment commander's conference. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Carlton Adams)

"We really believe in one Army. You provide a valuable resource we can get nowhere else. Our Reserve MID's are vital to us. In a mobilization, you become ITAC," said ITAC commander, Col. Arion N. Pattakos, as he opened ITAC's first Military Intelligence Detachment Commanders Conference. The conference, held October 15-17, was representative of the importance of INSCOM's Reserve forces.

"We're one Army" said INSCOM commander, Maj. Gen. William I. Rolya, "What we want to stress through a conference like this one is the importance of being one MI."

This theme of oneness was the keynote of the conference. "Reserve training is as vital as active

Army training," according to John P. Scherger, INSCOM's plans and Reserve components officer. "We have to work smarter, not harder."

The command is participating in Army programs to integrate its Reserve components into all phases of its mission. The Reserve MID commanders who attended the conference were briefed on Capstone, a program which enables Reserve units to train with their wartime command, and the Individual Mobilization Augmentee Program, where soldiers are transferred from the Individual Ready Reserve to selected units with assignment to the gaining command.

During the three-day conference, the MID commanders were also updated on current intelligence findings, planning and requirements,

REDTRAIN, future integration, and assistance and training for the Reserve components.

Among the guest speakers was Brig. Gen. Daniel P. Johnson, a MOBDES officer assigned to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, DA who discussed the Mobilization Designee Program, promotions, and cross training to give military intelligence personnel experience as users of intelligence.

The conference gave INSCOM's Reserve personnel an opportunity to meet and talk with their active Army counterparts, to become more familiar with their mobilization mission, and to learn about the training and career opportunities available to them.

Hijacked!

"She received a barrage of Spanish ending with 'CUBA! CUBA!'"

by Sp4 Doraldina "Dora" Younge

On the morning of September 17, I was on Delta Airlines flight 470 headed for Charleston Air Force Base, S. C. I had just taken a nap, when two people got up from their seats, walked to the front of the airplane carrying whiskey flasks and tried to enter the cockpit. When that failed, they turned around and backtracked to the rear of the airplane. One curious stewardess asked them what the problem was and received a barrage of Spanish ending with the words "CUBA! CUBA!" The stewardess rushed to the cockpit and returned with the copilot, who also tried to establish some form of communication with the two men. Again they shouted back in Spanish, ending with the words "CUBA! CUBA!" At the same time, one man opened up his whiskey flask and poured some of the contents on the carpeting, also spilling some on the stewardess. The smell of gasoline filled the air as the copilot tried to tell them the airplane didn't have enough gasoline to fly to Cuba. The copilot turned to us and asked if anyone spoke Spanish. One Air Force staff sergeant got up from his seat and explained to the hijackers that the plane did

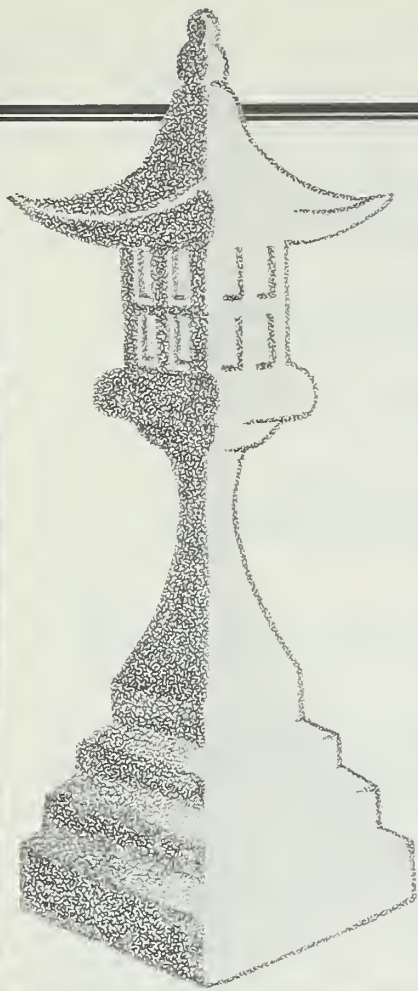
not have enough gasoline to fly to Cuba but they would stop and refuel in Columbia, S. C.

The airplane landed on a deserted section of the airfield in Columbia and waited for the fuel truck. Security personnel were standing by to board, but the Cubans wouldn't let the stewardesses open the doors. Half an hour later, the fuel truck arrived, some luggage was removed and the copilot told us we would be in Cuba in about two and a half hours. When we were airborne again, we distributed blankets and pillows to comfort the other passengers during the time we would be flying toward Cuba.

The airplane landed in Cuba's Havana Airport, and was greeted by Cuban security police armed with Russian machine guns. The two hijackers calmed down when the doors of the airplane were opened and handed over their whiskey flasks of gasoline to the security police as they got off the airplane. The stewardess told us to deplane and leave our personal belongings so that the Cuban security people would be able to search the airplane. We then boarded buses which took us to the airline terminal.

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Dressed in the colorful festival costumes of their villages, Okinawans chanted and danced to the music of samisens and drums at the 25th Annual Eisa Dance Festival held August 31 in Okinawa City.

Because of the modernization of the island following World War II, the dance festival has been held since 1955 to rekindle interest in Okinawa's traditions. For Americans, the event is an opportunity to experience an aspect of Okinawan culture worth capturing on film.

The festival also brings to light one of the differences between Eastern and Western religions, the Eastern stemming from ancestor worship. Eisa dancing is Okinawan folk dancing that plays an important role in the observance of O'Bon and other local religious occasions. The dancing and chanting are a means of communicating with

Your are are we

by Sp4 Rob



Drummers keep time for the Eisa dances and one member of the group holds their banner (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Robert Buzolich)



A dancer keeps the beat on her drum and chants to encourage other dancers at Yonabaru during Tsunahiki. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Robert Buzolich)

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Buzolich



the Naha City Dance Group while a
t. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Robert



Clowns with the Naha city Eisa Dance Club entertain the crowd at the 25th Annual Eisa Dance Festival. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Robert Buzolich)

spirits and ancestors. The chant and dance are different for each village and have significance for the villagers.

O'Bon, known in English as the "Festival of Lanterns," is a time of celebration, as Okinawans visit with their ancestors. It is observed the 13th through the 15th of the seventh lunar month. This year, the event took place August 23-25.

Tanabata

Preparation for O'Bon begins with Tanabata, a week before O'Bon, when families clean the family tomb.

On the first day of O'Bon, family members present offerings to welcome back the spirits of the departed. The second day is a time of family parties to show off their prosperity and assure the departed that all goes well. On the third day, groups of Eisa dancers go through the streets to entertain the spirits.

During the evening, the spirits are sent on their return voyage by floating small, gift-laden boats out to sea.

Tsunahiki

The O'Bon holiday wasn't the only occasion to witness Eisa dancers during August.

Tsunahiki, in the village of Yonabaru on the Pacific side of the island, is the other. This event is a giant tug-of-war that is open to the American community.

According to legend, about 100 years ago the village faced ruin because insects were destroying the crops. Upon the advice of a sage old man, the male villagers had a tug-of-war in the fields, while the women chanted and danced to drive away the insects. Because of its success in protecting the harvest, the event is an annual occurrence, based on the lunar calendar, in order to protect each harvest.

A child's Christmas in Panama



Young and old got into the Christmas spirit.
(U.S. Army photo by Sp5 Paul D. Holman)



Santa was guest of honor at the 447th Military Intelligence Group's children's Christmas party.
(U.S. Army Photo by Sp5 Paul D. Holman)

*'T was the children's Christmas party,
And the day room was set,
All the work had been done,
All the deadlines had been met.
Jane Grayham passed out popcorn,
For Jim Grayham's cartoon shows.
Then Santa came in,
With black boots and red clothes.
He passed out the presents,
Which took quite a while.
When the presents were opened,
Each face had a smile.
The day was quite merry,
The fete a success.
A repeat next Christmas?
The answer is, "Yes!"*

Fatal fumes



Carbon monoxide poisoning is a constant threat during the cold weather months—a threat that claims many unwary lives each year. INSCOM personnel are stationed throughout the world. Some heating systems are very basic, and the chance of exposure to this killer is great.

Carbon monoxide is formed by the incomplete burning of a liquid, solid or gaseous fossil fuel. This incomplete combustion occurs when there is not enough oxygen or heat to adequately burn the fuel. As a result of this incomplete burning, carbon monoxide accumulates in areas which are closed or inadequately ventilated. Buildings, bedrooms and automobile interiors are the most likely areas where carbon monoxide may accumulate. Space heaters, automobile or truck exhausts, gas ranges, or equipment in which fuel is burned are potential sources of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Hemoglobin reaction

Poisoning results when carbon monoxide combines with hemoglobin, the oxygen-carrying agent in the blood. This reaction with hemoglobin happens quickly and interferes with the proper transport of oxygen to the tissues. If carbon monoxide unites with more than 50 percent of the body's hemoglobin, unconsciousness could occur. This can happen when the carbon monoxide content in the atmosphere is less than one-tenth of one percent. After unconsciousness, continued breathing of carbon monoxide will lead to death.

Carbon monoxide is *odorless*, *colorless* and *tasteless*, and it gives no warning of its presence. If a sufficient amount of the gas is present, acute poisoning with collapse could occur without any warning. However, certain signs can make you suspicious of the possible presence of carbon monoxide. The first symptom of poisoning is a tightness across the forehead, followed by a headache and pounding of the heart. Weakness and unconsciousness follow in a very short time. If any of these symptoms are present, get out into the open immediately! Carbon monoxide in the blood is gradually eliminated when you breathe fresh air.

Prevention

Drivers of vehicles can observe the following simple rules to prevent the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning:

Whenever driving, always keep your window partly open.

If you are in a parked vehicle, turn off the motor.

Never warm up the engine in a closed garage.

If you are bothered by any of the symptoms that indicate carbon monoxide may be present, have your vehicle inspected.

Home owners or residents of an overseas location where space heaters are used should:

Always crack a window when using a heater.

Isolate the heaters in an off room before going to sleep and crack a window to insure proper ventilation.

family album

Shaltz receives commander's plaque



Sgt. Zachary J. Shaltz (right) is presented the commanders plaque by Field Station Augsburg commander, Col. Seab W. McKinney. (U.S. Army photo)

by Robert Hillman

For the second year in a row, a Field Station Augsburg soldier won INSCOM's Commander's Plaque for Operational Achievement.

Sgt. Zachary J. Shaltz of the 1st Operation Battalion was presented the Commander's Plaque by field station commander, Col. Seab W. McKinney, as "the soldier who made the single greatest contribution to the command's operational effectiveness."

Shaltz entered the Army in September 1975 and attended Basic Training at Fort Ord, Calif. He took Advanced Individual Training at Goodfellow AFB, attended the Defense Language Institute and went on to Fort Devens, Mass. for the Advanced Mission Course.

Shaltz entered the Army two days after graduating

from high school, but continued his education and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland.

Shaltz works in the Analytical Section of B-1 at the field station's Gablingen Kaserne.

Competition for the Commander's Plaque was intense and involved nominees from around the world. Shaltz was nominated for the award by the S-3 officer and NCOIC of his section.

"It's a great honor to win and I'm proud to receive this," Shaltz said.

"With the field station winning two years in a row, it makes every analyst here strive for maximum analytical breakthroughs," Shaltz stated. "It really helps the price and morale of the people working here when INSCOM Headquarters pays attention to what we are doing as part of the mission."

Shaltz says he plans to make the Army a career, with goals toward becoming a warrant officer in the same field.

Shaltz and his wife, Holly, have a 14-year-old son, Christopher.

Sagor completes apprenticeship

A Field Station Augsburg soldier has become one of the first persons in the European Command to be awarded a certificate from the Army Apprenticeship Program.

SSgt. Douglas Sagor of the Service & Maintenance Co., Support Battalion, Field Station Augsburg, was awarded a Certificate of Completion August 26 by Field Station Commander, Col. Seab W. McKinney, for his three-year effort in the program.

The Army Apprenticeship Program consists of apprenticeship programs registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the Department of Labor. Personnel who complete a specified set of work processes and related instruction receive a certificate of apprenticeship completion.

Sagor was enrolled in the program in June 1978. As an apprentice for the skills of electronic communication technician (MOS 33S), he was required to complete a total of 476 credit hours of instruction and 600 "work process" hours, which are job hours directly related to an individual's MOS.

He completed the requirements for certification in January.

Depend on your common sense

by Mary R. Ker

Sp4 Kenneth Hill knows why soldiers should go before a board, and why NCOs should submit their troops for a Soldier's Board.

Hill was Arlington Hall Station's Soldier of the Quarter for the July-September quarter. He says, "the material rewards alone are worth the nervousness and studying required to go before a board." Hill won a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond, a four-day pass and 90 days free of company detail.

Hill is a programmer (74F) with the Automated Systems Activity at AHS, and is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

During the competition, Hill thought that "a couple of people could have beaten me." But he had several things going for him. He has already been to Primary Leadership School and he is taking a correspondence course and a class at Northern Virginia Community College.

In preparing for the Soldier's Board, Hill advises soldiers to study the Soldier's Manual, read newspapers for national and local news, read the *Army Times* for current military news and depend on their common sense.

Hill says he regrets there is no Soldier of the Year program at AHS and thinks there should be one.

Hill's future plans include applying to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School. If accepted, he will go to USMAPS in August. He would like to get into the aviation field as an officer.

Hill's hobbies include tennis, pool and reading.

Runners-up in the Soldier of the Quarter board were PFC Mary Marsh, PFC Michael Lofasco of the MP company, Sp4 Bonnie Hart of A Company, and Sp4 Carroll Bartlett of Headquarters and Headquarters Company.



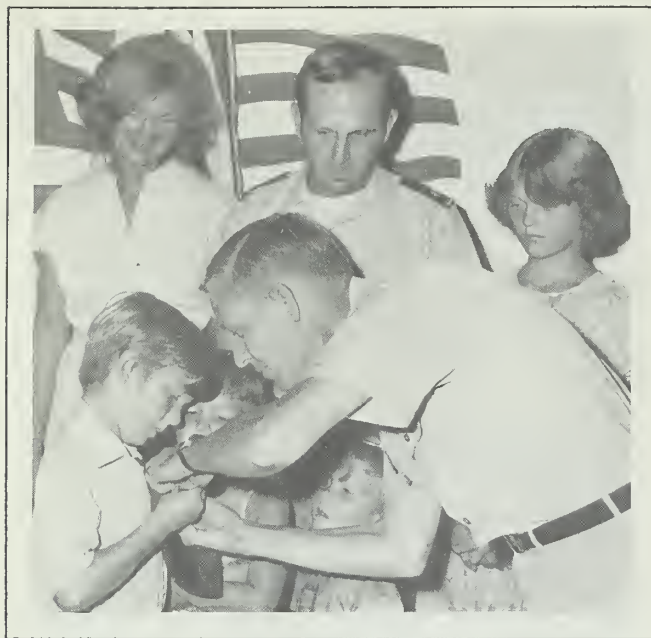
Sp4 Kenneth Hill (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Kim Ferrier)

One of their 'green hats' earns some green

Sp4 Roger B. Cary is well known in the 511th Military Intelligence Battalion for his willingness to help anyone in need and to participate in any unit function. He is a member of the infamous "green hats," a group within the battalion known for their affinity for barbecuing. This outstanding soldier was recently honored when he was selected as the battalion's 1980-81 "Soldier of the Year." The tall, blonde, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Cary of Lincoln, Neb., competed with three other enlisted members for the honor. In addition to a \$50 Savings Bond, Cary received a Certificate of Achievement, a four-day pass and was placed at the top of the list for a Berlin Orientation Tour.

Cary was asked why he joined the Army only one month after his high school graduation. "That's hard to answer," he said, "I wanted to get away and see more of the world, so I bugged my parents till they signed the papers. I took BCT at Fort Jackson when it

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Young Edward Gladd receives his father's old Captain's rank from Lt. Col. Don E. Riddle (left) as his father, Maj. Edward Gladd (rear center), mother, brother and sister look on. (U.S. Army photo)

Like father, like son

The CI/SIGSEC Support Battalion of the 902nd Military Intelligence Group, at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., made it a family affair when the chief of the Operations Security Branch, Capt. Edward J. Gladd, was promoted to major recently.

Among the Gladd family members present were the new major's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Gladd (Gladd served in World War II and was a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve), his wife Dianne, daughters Augusta, Alexis and Amanda, and sons Edward and Nicholas.

Two old traditions were honored that day:

Edward pinned his grandfather's oak leaf on his father's garrison cap while the rest of the family looked on. Major Gladd, reviving an old tradition, then made a donation to the INSCOM Benefit Association in honor of his promotion.

Gladd, his parents and his wife, are all from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Gladd enlisted in 1962 and worked as a communication center specialist. He received his commission from Florida State University. Throughout his military career, he has held various command and staff positions both overseas and in the U.S. Gladd's decorations include the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Infantry Badge. He is nearing completion of a master's degree in public administration from the University of Northern Colorado.

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was still combat-style training. I loved it. For two years I was a mechanic for the 1st Medical Battalion at Fort Riley, Kan., I was only 150 miles from home. In 1979, I reenlisted for six years because I really like the Army. The money's not that great, but travelling and meeting new people make it fun. Alaska is where I'd like to be stationed next so I can hunt and fish again."

"Here in Germany I've been a member of the Kontakt Club and I like to travel. Prices are high, though. Everything's expensive. I like country music—Crystal Gayle, Mo Bandy—and enjoy going to the EM Club once in awhile. I work at the Rod and Gun Club part time selling weapons and fishing equipment. It's a nice place to work where you meet a lot of people and help out the community. Being in an intelligence unit is a lot different than being in a line unit. Usually, we're in garrison with plenty of free time. But I do miss the excitement of getting geared up for some good field training. I enjoyed PLC at Bad Toelz and I've taken some correspondence courses while I've been here. My main gripe about the Army is the way single soldiers are treated. They get the short end of the deal too often on housing and other benefits.

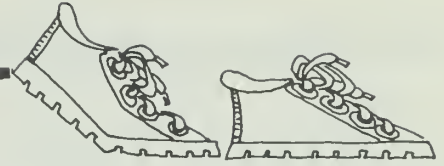
"I was happy and very surprised to win 'Soldier of the Year.' I had been on TDY throughout the battalion doing maintenance inspections till a week before the board. I was nervous because it was my first board. I drew the topic 'Women in Combat' for my three-minute unprepared talk. It's a difficult subject, but my view is that there are some women I'd feel more comfortable being in combat with than men. Women have been in combat before, people just don't like to say it. The French Freedom Fighters had a lot of women working in the underground in dangerous jobs. As far as sex in the foxhole goes, I'm going to be too worried about saving my life!

"Unfortunately, we don't have time for a lot of training because of our ongoing, peacetime mission. I would like to see more emphasis placed on combat training and basic soldiering skills. It's too easy to lose those skills when they're not practiced on a daily basis.

Family album

"I just went before the E-5 board. Maybe I'll be promoted soon and reach my first major goal of becoming an NCO. I'll be able to use more authority, have more say in unit situations and participate in NCO calls for the exchange of ideas. I'd like more cross training so that if my next unit needs a motor sergeant, I'll be ready.

"I'm thinking seriously about an Army career. Many soldiers with eight to ten years in service think seriously about continuing. The Nunn-Warner bill and second reenlistment bonuses will help retain experienced NCOs. I'll probably try for my degree in general studies and, in the future, I'd like to become a warrant officer."



Hall of fame

Augsburg's Babe Ruth

by P.J. O'Connor

In the 66th Military Intelligence Group, when you talk about baseball's "Hall of Fame," you're referring to Donald E. Hall.

Hall played his first organized baseball game at the age of eight at the Hot Springs, Ark., Boy's Club.

"Sports have always been a big part of my life," Hall says. He enjoys many different activities, including water and snow skiing. Recently, he also ran 10,000 meters in less than 36 minutes.

Hall had several college scholarship offers in football, baseball, basketball and track. He chose Arkansas Technical University, where he received his undergraduate degree in physical education. He then earned a master's degree in recreation at Indiana University.

Hall started playing softball when he entered the service in 1969.

During his Army career, he has been chosen for the All-Army Slow-pitch Softball Team and participated in the Inter-Service Games in 1973, 1976 and 1977. He also won all-Armed Forces honors and played in the Slow-Pitch Nationals in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1976.

Although Hall has been invited to the All-Army Trial Camp each year, his duty commitments have prevented him from playing every year.

Hall spent two years as the recreation services director at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, and has spent the rest of his career in the personnel and administrative management field.

In March 1978, Hall joined the 66th MI Group and has coached and played for HQs Team A. His team won the Munich Community Slow-Pitch Softball Championships

and the Alpine Regional title two years in a row.

Hall also led the team to victory in the 66th MI Group's annual Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament against seven other group teams throughout Germany.

Hall's most recent athletic achievement was leading the Munich Tigers Community Baseball Team to the Southern Division title in the newly-formed German-American Baseball League.

Hall's wife, Vicky, and son, Bobby, age six, also like sports. Vicky runs and enjoys skiing and raquetball. Bobby swims, plays soccer, and is learning to water ski.

"There is a sport for everyone. The physical and mental benefits of a fitness program cannot be over-emphasized," says Hall. "Although you have to work hard at it, fitness can be fun."



Donald E. Hall hopes this one will be a home run. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Brian Bower)

Marines lose to Torii in softball



John Krimp runs into first base as the first baseman catches the ball for an out. (U.S. Army photo by Tom Morris)

After 33 hours of continuous softball action, the Torii Station Invitational Tourney ended Labor Day with the Marines of the 9th Motorized Transport Battalion emerging victorious.

In the championship game, the 9th MT from Camp Foster defeated the Military Traffic Management Command from Naha Port, 8-2, giving the 9th MT five wins and no losses in tournament action.

Soldiers from Naha Port compiled three wins and two losses for second place.

Third place went to the Trick Four Habus from Torii Station. They were defeated 12-7 by MTMC in the semifinal game.

Although his team came in third, Bob Brown of the Habus was selected "most valuable player" for the tourney.

Donald Willis of the 9th MT re-

ceived honors as "home run king." Playing in only four games, Willis hit five home runs.

The 10-game, double-elimination tourney was co-sponsored by the Human relations NCO and Career Counselor at Torii Station. It featured teams from all services on Okinawa and was played in 33 continuous hours.

According to SSgt. Charlie Wulzer, human relations NCO for Torii Station, the tournament was organized "to enhance community relations for the Field Station."

During the course of the tournament, MSgt. Charles Green, NCO-IC of the S-1, and CSM Leslie L. Griffith operated a hot dog stand on behalf of the INSCOM Benefit Association. Before the championship game had even begun, they had sold 550 hot dogs, which netted \$160 for the Benefit Association.



Craig Mobley hits the ball down the first base line for a single. (U.S. Army photo by Tom Morris)

Augsburg slides home in Labor Day baseball



Donald E. Hall slides into second base. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Brian Bower)

The Support Battalion Slow-Pitch softball team from Field Station Augsburg captured first place at the Patch Barracks Labor Day Invitational Tournament.

Twelve teams from throughout Germany competed. The Support Battalion team began by defeating Robinson Barracks of Stuttgart 9-6. During the second round of the winner's bracket, the battalion team pounced on the Schwaebisch Gmuend All-Stars for five runs in the top of the first inning and went



on to win 15-4 in five innings. In the semifinals, it was the host Patch Buffaloes who fell to the battalion team 18-13. (In this game, Support Battalion was down 13-4 in the fifth inning when the bats started to crack.)

The Buffaloes came back and won the loser's bracket and once again had to face the Support Battalion team.

The battalion team never fell behind in this game as they captured the championship by defeating the Buffaloes once again by a score of 13-2.

Two from Torii take tennis tourney

Two soldiers from Torii Station fought hard to win the men's open division of the Okinawa Tennis Association Doubles Championship at Kadena Air Base recently.

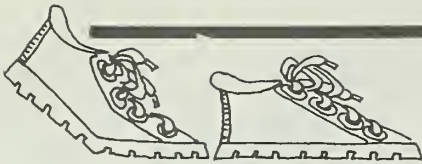
Ken Hines and Frank Coyle, both from Operations Company at Torri Station, defeated Henry Tobe and Jim Smith who represented the Naval Regional Dental Center at Camp Foster.

In the final match of the double elimination tournament, Hines and Coyle defeated their opponents, 6-2 and 6-0. However, just an hour before the championship match, Tobe and Smyth gave the duo from Torii their only loss of the day during a three-set match. Tobe and Smyth won the first set of that match, 5-7. Then Hines and Coyle rallied to take the next two set, 6-2 and 6-4.

In a related sport, Hines also recently won in the men's open division during a raquetball tournament sponsored by the Okinawa Raquetball Association.



Ken Hines demonstrates his winning backhand during the Okinawa Tennis Association's doubles championship. (U.S. Army photo by Sp4 Robert Buzolich)



Keeping in shape is like growing potatoes

by Barbara McGarvey

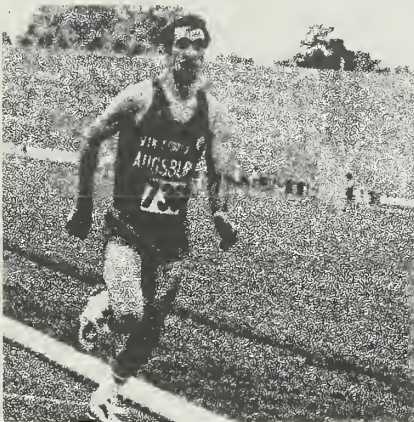
"Keeping your body conditioned is like growing potatoes," explained SFC Chris Bogart, a marathoner. "You don't dig potatoes up every week to see if they're growing. So the key to physical fitness is simple: Have confidence in your training. You don't have to prove yourself by racing or tearing up your body every week," he emphasized.

Too soon

Running a fast race can really tear up your body and muscles, cautioned the 10,000-meter marathoner. Injuries most often occur, Bogart said, because the runner enters the next race too soon. He advises a three-month recovery period between marathons.

To prevent injuries, Bogart keeps his race schedule down, running about 10 races a year and, out of these, not more than three hard ones.

As part of his winter training, Bogart conditions himself by taking



part in cross-country ski marathons. He thinks cross-country skiing is a good, non-stressful sport for the legs. Running a marathon, on the other hand, is very stressful because of the pounding on the legs.

Bogart, NCOIC of the A-5 section and "Ashworth" supervisor at Field Station Augsburg, has compiled an admirable record. Last year, he finished second in VII Corps' Open Class for 34-year-olds and fourth in USAREUR' 10,000-meter track races. He has won VII Corps' cross country for his age group and holds the record for the Schwaebisch Marathon, too. In the latter, he ran the course in 2:28:26.

Invitations

After word got around about his performance in local races, Bogart was invited to run and train with a German club. So far, he has run in all the local championships of Bavaria and Schwaebisch, as well as the German National 25,000-meter race.

Champion

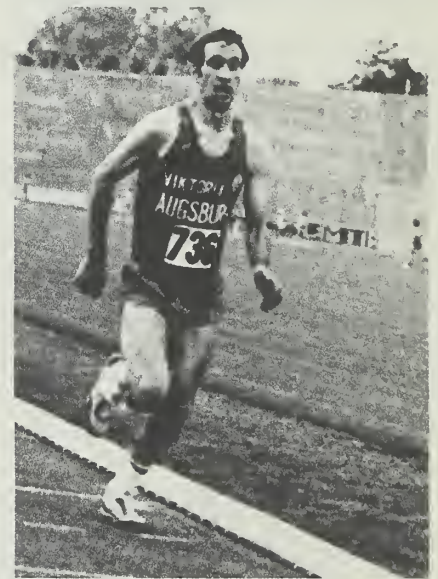
He's proud to be running in the German Club's Aitersklasse, adding that the "old men" clean house all the time with team awards.

In fact, he pointed out, one 70-year-old German ran a marathon in 3:11. "In this club, you put your own limits on yourself," he said.

This year in cross-country skiing, Bogart finished first in VII Corps, second in USAREUR and fourth in the Tri-Service meet. In the Tri-

Service race, he beat last year's winner with a record of 10 kilometers in 30:35.

Bogart has won VII Corps championships in the 3,000-meter,



5,000-meter and 10,000-meter runs. He also holds USAREUR championships in the 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter runs, all of them breaking previous records.

Bogart has also won numerous local championships.

Newcomer

With his impressive records, you'd think Bogart has been running since high school. Not so.

A relative newcomer to the sport, Bogart donned his running shoes just three years ago and began jogging two miles three or four days a week. It was only last summer that the track bug bit him.

Highly competitive, Bogart could not resist being talked into running a 10-kilometer Volkslauf, a fun run, in 1977. In that first race, he ended up 35th in a field of 39. (Since then, he has beaten out the man who won that race.) By 1978, he had become serious about marathons, entering his first one—a VII Corps race in Chiemsee—where he placed second in the military category. Last year, he discovered he was “respectable”; this year, he thinks he is becoming good at it.

Freedom

Why run?

Bogart finds freedom in running. “Running lets me work off tension and makes me aware that I’m in shape. I run to and from work, taking the scenic 21-to 22-kilometer route through the woods, away from traffic and pollution. I can see deer and rabbits in the forest. Running’s also cheaper and takes less time than training for other sports,” he said.

Last fall, the 17th Artillery challenged Field Station Augsburg to a cross-country running meet. With 20-man teams, FSA conquered the very hilly, snow-covered, 8-kilometer course. Bogart captured first place.

The sport is catching on in Germany as evidenced by the fact that a lot of FSA people are running at lunch time or at night after work.

Surprises

While Bogart doesn’t shy away from competition, he surprises himself each time he runs. In fact, he’s setting his sights on the Boston Marathon next year. With his record, he expects he’ll have a “respectable” starting position.

Other prospective races include the Nike-OTC (fast marathon) in Oregon and the Black Forest Marathon in Germany.

Bogart divides his free time between coaching track and cross-country running for the members of the Augsburg military community, conducting running clinics for the FSA recreation center and giv-



SFC Chris Bogart (U.S. Army photo)

ing ski lessons to families. For the record, his cross-country running team placed second for two straight years in VII Corps competition.

On a lighter note, he takes part in the winter Fasching run in which runners wear costumes.

A native of Goshen, N.Y., Bogart, the eldest of seven children, enlisted in the Army in 1963. He has served tours at Field Station Augsburg, Shemya, Alaska, Vint Hill Farms Station, Fort Devens, Asmara, Ethiopia, Vietnam and England. A non-Morse operator, he has had “plenty of variety” in his work: “Never the same job twice,” he says.

During his military career, he has earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the City College of Chicago, an Emergency Medical Technician Certificate and an A.A.S. in data processing.



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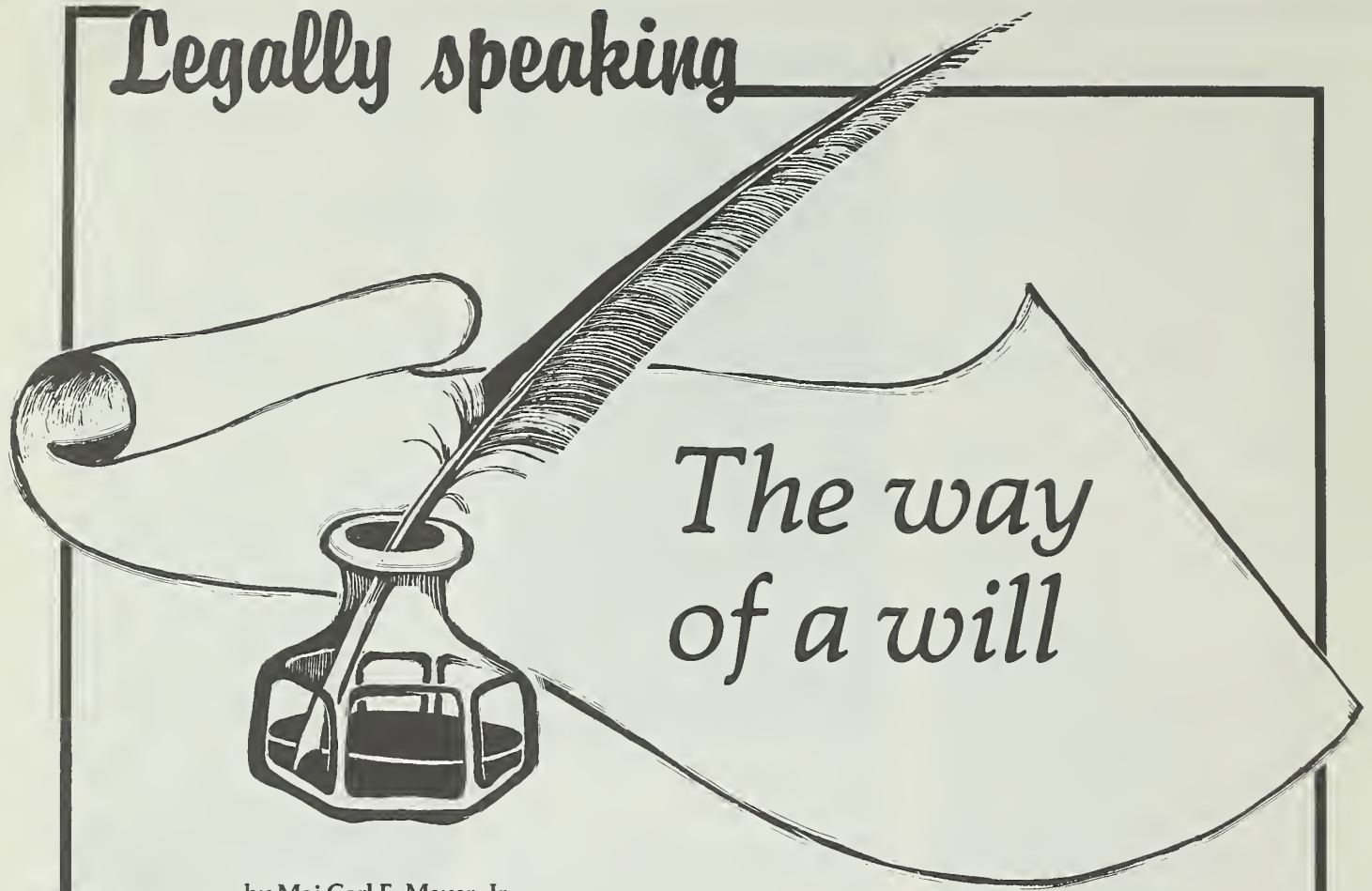
When we reached the terminal, each passenger was given a numbered pass and told to sit in what seemed to be a waiting area. A Cuban souvenir shop was open, and we were served coffee, juice, beer and sandwiches. Bottles of rum, cigarettes, cigars and newspapers became souvenirs. Within an hour, we were told that our airplane was ready. As the airplane proceeded down the runway for takeoff we could see two Russian aircraft on the airfield. The flight back to Miami was uneventful; however, we were told not to light cigarettes as the carpeting still carried the aroma of gasoline.

At Miami, we were met by customs officials and FBI agents. FBI personnel interrogated every person on board the plane. Customs took another 20 minutes and we finally boarded the airplane for the last stop in our journey, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.



Sp4 Doralindina Younge (U.S. Army photo)

Legally speaking



The way of a will

by Maj Carl F. Meyer, Jr.

The subject of death and disposition of property is one most people try to avoid. We all intend to live to a ripe old age and would like to think that we have plenty of time to consider the final distribution of our worldly goods. But that isn't always the case. Sooner or later we will all die. It's only sensible to plan ahead.

Having a will is important whether you are single or married. Your will expresses your intentions, provides for the welfare of your family, distributes your property (you can't take it with you, but you can say where it goes), and generally determines how your wishes are carried out.

Intestate

A person who dies without a will is considered to have died "intestate." Intestate distribution is done in accordance with the law of the state where the person dies. In other words, where there is no will, state law takes over and directs the distribution of your assets. In effect, the state writes your will. Each state has its own system for dividing assets among spouses, children, and other relatives. (Contrary to popular belief, a spouse usually does not automatically inherit a decedent's estate.)

Without a will your assets will become entangled in legal nets, and the administrator, who takes possession of your property, pays expenses and makes distribution. (That administrator, of course, charges your estate for his services.) A guardian will also be appointed by the court to protect the property of any minor children. Although a surviving parent is the physical guardian of a child, he or she does not automatically become the guardian of that child's property. The appointed guardian of a child's inheritance must account to the court for each expenditure and usually must post a bond equal to the amount of the estate inherited. The guardian and bondsman also create expenses for an estate.

The seriousness of this is evident when you realize that state law, often directs that children will inherit a fixed percentage of a parent's estate unless there is a will directing otherwise. State laws may provide that children inherit two thirds of an estate while the surviving spouse inherits one third. If the surviving spouse wants to sell a house, or even trade a car so inherited, a court appointed guardian may be necessary to protect the interests of the children. Even with a guardian and court approval of such a transaction, two thirds of the proceeds could be withheld from use by the spouse and maintained for the benefit of the children.

Court appointment of an administrator and approvals of distribution usually require multiple appearances in court and often require employment of an attorney, all of which will cost the estate.

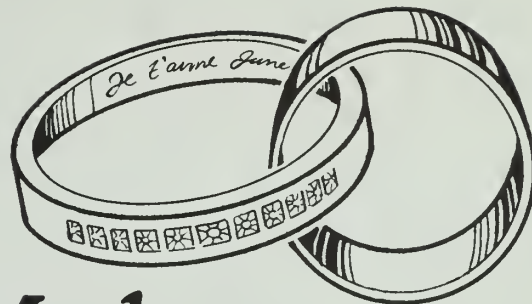
Minimize Cost

A will cannot avoid all the cost and confusion of estate disposition, but some costs can be minimized, and your estate will be distributed according to your instructions. In a typical will, a married person leaves all property to the spouse. If the spouse predeceases, then all property is distributed to the children equally. If the children predecease the writer of the will, then there will be equal distribution to any grandchildren. The executor is appointed (usually the spouse) to serve without bond (avoiding that expense). Guardians of children are appointed and their duties are outlined in accordance with personal desires. Special bequests can also be designated. Individuals, except spouses, can be specifically excluded from inheritance, and trust arrangements can be made to assure education and care for the elderly. In most states, married persons have a statutory interest in the estate of their spouse which cannot be voided by a will. Thus, if a wife is disinherited by her husband in his will, she may still claim a certain percentage of the estate.

Tailored to you

Military members, retirees, and their dependents may have their wills drawn free of charge by a legal assistance officer at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Your will may be tailored to your individual needs and circumstances. The normal attorney-client relationship is always present, so a frank and honest discussion of your family situation and history should be your guide when you seek legal assistance.

A formal will is the only reasonable way to protect those you care for and to assure timely distribution of your estate. Your legal assistance officer will be glad to help you direct your property to those you choose by way of a will.



Make a commitment

by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Reuben Askew

Certainly you have heard the question: Can a person really make a commitment today? Maybe you have even asked it of yourself. We seem to be living on a mush-like land, our footing unsure and our hearts unstrung by never ending tremors. In the once solid, secure church there are so few anchor points and moorings left. It is not just the change of rites or styles in the services or buildings—it is the change in people that gets you down. The ones you relied on yesterday are gone today. It makes a person feel the transience of it all. Where did that old world of faithful friends and strict rules go? In the light of this, we ask, can anyone make a long-range commitment to anybody or anything anymore?

It's a fair question and it has really touched married people. The divorce rate soared in the sixties. Recently, one state legislature introduced a bill which would allow three-year, renewable, contract-like marriages. The tenuous nature of marriage vows are graphically underscored by the young who want to avoid all talk of commitment, as though a formal commitment would contaminate a personal relationship. Commitment, fidelity, just sticking to it seem to be weighty obligations that no one wants to shoulder these days.

The person who can give him or herself to another without strings or conditions written into the contract stands on sacred ground. Is there such a thing today? How can one tell until one has given him or herself to another, made his or her heart vulnerable and achieved a sense of life which is deeper than the trembling moment. People who work at staying in love, people who keep their word—these are people alive to God's covenant of help and support as they pursue the truth of their lives and their relationships.

Perhaps it is difficult to put a lasting commitment into words. And perhaps it is true that we won't know what others expect of us until we know what we expect of ourselves. But permanent commitments are possible, even when they seem difficult and beyond our reach. That is what keeps us growing in love and trust through the power of the spirit and helps us to surmount the odds a person always meets in becoming himself.

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